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chants of New England, by Jotham Odiorne who was related by marriage to the Wentworths, and by Henry Sherburne, George Jaffrey, and George Libby, all prominent in public life. On September 1 he set out by way of Hampton, Newbury, and Salem for Boston where he was attended chiefly by Henry Vassels, son-in-law of Acting-Governor Phips; and Vassels and his wife accompanied Birket to Providence, at which place he was the guest of William Ellery, the deputy governor of Rhode Island. He left Providence October 3 in company with George Mifflin and proceeded by way of New London, New Haven, Fairfield, Norwalk, Mamaroneck, and King's Bridge to New York, where he dined with John Fells and with other merchants and sea captains. From New York, the last day of October, he proceeded to Philadelphia by way of Brunswick, Princeton, and Trenton. Early in January, 1751, he visited the iron works on the lower Susquehanna, and returning northward sailed from New York for Antiqua on March 16. Although entertained and attended during his itinerary by men of prominence not so much as one mention of his presence in the country has been found in any of the newspapers of the day.

His observations were for the most part those of a merchant made at close range: qualities of the soil, its products, domestic animals, ship building, ship-building timber, trade, manufactures, taverns, churches, and the situation and appearance of towns. He was interested in both Harvard and Yale; but in matters of history he was inaccurate; in matters of religious belief, tolerant or indifferent; and in matters of government, silent.

The diary is published with a brief preface signed by the well known initials "C. A. M." but without any annotations whatever. Mark Hunting Wentworth (p. 3) is printed for Mark Hunking Wentworth, Jotham Odiove (pp. 3 and 4) for Jotham Odiorne, and Elisha Bond (p. 50) for Elijah Bond.

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Life and adventures of Colonel Daniel Boon, the first white settler of the state of Kentucky. Written by himself. To which is added a narration of his latter life until his death. Annexed is an eulogy by Lord Byron. (New York: Charles Fred. Heartman, 1916. 42 p. \$3.00)

This work has been published in a very limited edition, in part for the Daniel Boone club, and in part for Heartman's *Historical series*. The book is a reprint of a work published in 1823, but it is not stated which copy of this original edition has been used.

The first part of the *Life and adventures of Colonel Daniel Boon* re-

veals a condensation of John Filson's *The adventures of Colonel Daniel Boone, formerly a hunter*, etc., which, however, retains most of the important statements of fact. Following this are first, an account of Boone's later life, and secondly, the seven stanzas from the eighth canto of Don Juan (61-67), in which Lord Byron made Boone the text for a panegyric upon the "unsighing people of the woods." The annexed account of Boone's later life exhibits two interesting variations from the usual story, stating that Boone on leaving Kentucky went to "the Tennessee Country, then almost a perfect wilderness," and giving as the date of his death in one place June, 1821, and in another June, 1822. While the accepted account relates that Boone died at the house of his son, the story as given in this work — for which the compiler refers to "a near relation of the Colonel (a resident of Cincinnati)" — tells of his death near his hunting traps.

Mr. Heartman's reprint has forty-two pages of excellent press work and paper. A reproduction of an old print forms a frontispiece.

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The new purchase. Or seven and a half years in the far west. By Robert Carlton, Esq. (Baynard Rush Hall) (Princeton: Princeton university press, London: Humphrey Milford, Oxford university press, 1916. 522 p. \$2.00 net)

The region known as the "new purchase" included approximately the tract between the Wabash river and the "ten o'clock line," or most of central Indiana; it was bought from the Indians in 1818 by the federal government. Baynard Rush Hall, who under the *nom-de-plume* of Robert Carlton has written this entertaining account of life in the new purchase, was well fitted for his task. A native of Philadelphia, and a graduate of Union college and Princeton theological seminary, Hall came to Indiana about 1821. He lived at Glenville near the southern boundary of the new purchase until 1823, when he was elected principal and sole teacher in the new Indiana seminary located nearby at Bloomington. Enthusiastically adapting himself to his new environment, Hall taught at the seminary, served as a Presbyterian minister, and engaged in numerous other activities. After about seven and a half years in Hoosierdom he returned to the east.

In *The new purchase* Hall has presented a delightful narrative of his sojourn in what was then an American frontier. The first edition of his book in 1843, together with a reprint in 1855, has for a long time been out of print. In making possible the present reprint, Hall's alma mater has performed a distinct service for the early history of the central west. Mr. Woodburn is eminently fitted to edit this appropriate